



Victorian Heritage Database place details - 17/10/2018

Anglesea Avenue of Honour

Location:

Anglesea, SURF COAST SHIRE

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Extent of Registration:

Statement of Significance:

Seventy two trees were planted c WW1 in the Anglesea Avenue of Honour.

Description

The Anglesea Avenue of Honour comprises of seventy two trees planted to commemorate the First World War. Further research is required on this place.

In Australia, commemorative trees have been planted in public spaces since the late nineteenth century. Arbor Days were held regularly in most Victorian State Schools during the late 1800s and early 1900s, and numerous trees were planted in parks in Melbourne and throughout Victoria to mark the visits of important and famous people.

This tradition of commemorative planting was continued in 1901 when at the end of the Boer War trees were often planted for each soldier of the district who was killed in South Africa. These plantings, however, rarely consisted of more than two or three trees in each town.

During and after the First World War avenues of honour consisting of trees lining significant streets became a popular form of commemoration. They represented a new egalitarian approach to the commemoration of soldiers where rank was not a consideration: each tree symbolises a person.

Avenues of honour are a uniquely Australian phenomenon. Australians, and in particular Victorians, embraced the idea of planting them more enthusiastically than any other country in the world. The Eurack Avenue of Honour is the earliest known avenue of honour in Victoria with planting commencing in May 1916.

By the time of the Second World War avenues of honour had declined in popularity as a means of commemoration. Today it is estimated that over 300 avenues of honour have been planted in Victoria to commemorate service personnel since 1901.

Avenue. Seventy two trees planted.

Remembering the fallen

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	
Architect / Designer	

Architectural Style	
Heritage Act Categories	
Municipality	["SURF COAST SHIRE"]
Other names	
History	